(c) Adequate military measures have been put in place in the State of J and K to intercept terrorist groups attempting to infiltrate. The counter measures include surveillance of all know routes of infiltration, use of unattended ground sensors, construction of fencing, and a multi-tiered deployment of troops, which is constantly being reviewed on the basis of intelligence inputs.

Frieswal culled calves of military farms

1553. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

. (a) whether a decision has been taken to provide frieswal culled calves of military farms to gaushalas through NGOs;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that calves of the age of 14 days and below are given to Gaushala; and

(c) whether the rearing period of surplus calves of military farms of 14 days age, would be increased to at least 30 days as the calves need mother's milk till they reach the age of 90 days?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Military Farms have a sound policy of offering culled calves to cattle breeders, local farmers, regimental/private dairies, Government/ Semi Government institutions, religious institutions, (Government registered) like Gausadan, Gaushala, Gauasharam etc. for further rearing by them.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Infiltrations during Pakistani shelling

1554. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani Army starts shelling across the LoC either to give cover fire to infiltrators across the LoC or to divert

the attention of Indian Army and BSF posted across the LoC so that infiltrators can get in;

(b) if so, whether the same has been happening for a number of years now;

(c) if so, what steps do the Army and BSF normally take during such course of action; and

(d) whether according to Government statistics of the Army and BSF, infiltrations across the LoC are the maximum during Pakistani shelling?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Prior to the ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) with effect from 26.11.2003, the Pakistan army used to shell across the LoC to abet infiltration and to inflict casualties on our troops and civilians. Indian troops retaliate effectively by carrying out punitive fire assaults on the Pakistan posts suspected of abetting infiltration and on the terrorist launching pads along the LoC.

(d) Reports available do not conclusively prove that maximum infiltration attempts were made under the cover of shelling.

Decreasing profitability of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd., Hyderabad

1555. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profitability of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd., Hyderabad in consistently decreasing for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last four years, year-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The details of the profitability of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI) in the last four years are as under:—